

VOTING FAQs FOR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Q: *What is the deadline to register to vote for the Nov. 6, 2012 presidential general election?*

A: **Monday, Oct. 22.** Forms submitted by mail must be postmarked by that date. If you deliver the form to our office, it must be received by midnight.

Q: *Where is the Registrar of Voters office and how late is it open on the deadline?*

A: The office is located at 5201 Ruffin Road, San Diego, 92123 and is open until midnight on Oct. 22.

Q: *Is “same day” registration in effect for this election?*

A: No. This legislation does not take effect until a state voter registration database is created which could be several years from now.

Q: *I attend college/university in San Diego County but my parents live outside the County and I consider their house to be my home for voting purposes. Where should I register to vote? Can I drop off my ballot at a San Diego county polling place?*

A: You may register to vote using your parents' address by going online to the County Registrar of Voters Office in the county where your parents reside. When you complete your affidavit of registration, you will need to provide your parent's address as your residence address and your San Diego County mailing address. Ask to vote by mail and the Registrar of the County where your parents live will send a mail ballot to your San Diego County address. **NOTE: You must return this ballot to your County of residence—do not drop it off at a San Diego County polling place.**

Q: *I attend college/university in San Diego County and I now consider this to be my home for voting purposes. Where should I register to vote?*

A: You may register to vote at your San Diego County address. Go online to www.sdvote.com and follow the instructions for registering to vote.

Q: *I have requested a mail ballot. When will it arrive?*

A: Voters who registered up to 60 days before the election (Sept. 7), will see their ballots arrive the week of Oct. 8. Voters who register and request a mail ballot after that date should receive their ballot within a few days after the application arrives.

Q: *When should I return my mail ballot?*

A: All voters are urged to vote and return their mail ballots **as quickly as possible**, but no later than Nov. 2, the Friday before Election Day, for those living within San Diego County. Mail ballots may be dropped off at any polling place in the County, provided the ballot was issued by the San Diego County Registrar. Mail ballots may also be dropped off at the Registrar's office during regular business hours and between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3.

Q: *I want to vote at the polls. How do I find my polling place?*

A: Your polling place is listed on the **back cover of your sample ballot booklet**. You can also find it by going to www.sdvote.com and click on polling place or by calling the Registrar of Voters office at 858-565 5800.

Q: *How important is it to vote at my assigned polling place?*

A: Voters who go to the wrong precinct may vote provisionally. If their right to vote within San Diego County is confirmed after the election, the provisionally voted ballot is counted. However, it is likely the ballot will not contain all the contests the voter is entitled to vote on, so **the Registrar strongly urges all voters to go to their assigned location.**

